

# NJDOT partners for work zone safety

The Main Office Building lobby, hallways and Multi-purpose Room buzzed with exhibitors, employees, speakers and guests as NJDOT launched a Work Zone Safety Awareness Week 2001 Conference on April 5.



**John Spedding, Chairman of the Employee Memorial Committee, presents a certificate to Robert Lewandowski of the NJ Laborers Health and Safety Fund as a tribute to his organization's work zone safety practices.**

"National Work Zone Safety Week calls the public's attention to efforts across the country to make construction zones on our roads safer for workers and easier for motorists and pedestrians to travel around," said Commissioner James Weinstein.

Honoring employees who lost their lives while working on highways was fitting.

"We at NJDOT— as well as all our partners in government and industry— know that because we are out working on the roads and potentially putting ourselves in harm's way, work zone safety is an issue we and the motoring public must be

vigilant about every day, around the clock," the Commissioner said.

An impressive roster of conference speakers included keynote speaker Patricia Clark, OSHA Regional Administrator, US Department of Labor, NJ State Police Lt. Colonel Barry Roberson, Assistant Commissioner **Rod Roberson**, Brad Sargent of the American Traffic Safety Services Association or ATSSA, Director William Freeman of the Department of Corrections, NJDOT's **Anker Winther**, **Bill Birch** and **Lee Steiner**, NJ Highway Traffic Safety Director Colonel Peter O'Hagen, Kurt Noe of Camden County and Angelo Paparello of Union County.

NJDOT Resident Engineers who received "Most Positive Project" recognition by the Annual Traffic Control Plan Review for their work on New Jersey's roadways, or sections of those roadways, included **Alex Borovskis** for Route 24, **Frank Cole** for Bridge Deck Patch, **Wayne Rumsey** for Route 23 and Route 80, **Richard Treloar** for Route 35 and Route 71, **John Szafranski** for Routes 70, 34 and 35, **William Delucia** for Route 29, **Mitri Hadid** for Route 295, **Tony Guerrieri** for Routes 50 and 322, and **Ed Ramsey** for Routes 50 and 9.

Deputy Commissioner Al Ari opened the noon awards ceremonies. The tone was somber as we remembered those who died in the line of duty; but hopeful as we recognized those who regularly promote work zone safety. Steve Cook, Chief of Staff for Senator Peter Inverso and former NJDOT employee, read the legislative resolutions that proclaimed this week New Jersey Work



**Lee Steiner exits the podium after receiving a certificate for his commitment to work zone safety. In the background are Steve Cook and Al Ari.**

Zone Safety Awareness Week.

Those organizations awarded certificates of recognition for their commitment to work zone safety by NJDOT included the Federal Highway Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, OSHA (US Department of Labor), New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, New Jersey Department of Corrections, Rutgers University, American Traffic Safety Services Association, NJ Laborers Health & Safety Fund, NJ State Safety Council, General Laborers Locals 172 and 472, Construction Industry Advancement Program of NJ, Utility and Transportation Contractors Association and the County and Municipal Transportation Engineers Association.